AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for performing a predetermined process in accordance with a user operation on a touch panel overlaid on a display, the apparatus comprising:

detecting means for detecting a change in an aspect ratio of images to be displayed in the display;

changing means for:

changing a size of operation buttons after detecting the change in the aspect ratio, the operation buttons displayed superimposed on the images before and after the change in the aspect ratio, and

changing a size of a sensitive area of the touch panel where user operations of the operation buttons are recognized, in accordance with the detection by the detecting means;

determining means for determining an operation button that corresponds to the user operation on the touch panel; and

generating means for generating a command to perform the predetermined process in accordance with the determination by the determining means, wherein

when the operation button is continuously operated before and after the detection of the change in aspect ratio and the predetermined process is a continuous process, the generating means generates a command to perform the predetermined process

while the operation button is operated, regardless of another operation button operated

after the detection of the change in aspect ratio.

2.   (Currently Amended) An information processing method for performing a

predetermined process in accordance with a user operation on a touch panel overlaid

on a display, the method comprising:

detecting a change in an aspect ratio of images to be displayed in the display;

changing a size of operation buttons after detecting the change in the aspect

ratio, the operation buttons displayed superimposed on the images before and after the

change in the aspect ratio; [[and]]

changing a size of a sensitive area of the touch panel where user operations of

the operation buttons are recognized, in accordance with the detecting;

determining an operation button that corresponds to the user operation on the

touch panel; and

generating a command to perform the predetermined process in accordance with

the determining, wherein

when the operation button is continuously operated before and after the detection

of the change in aspect ratio and the predetermined process is a continuous process,

the generating further generates a command to perform the predetermined process

while the operation button is operated, regardless of another operation button operated

after the detection of the change in aspect ratio.

3.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing program instructions, which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform a method for performing a predetermined process in accordance with a user operation on a touch panel overlaid on a display, the method comprising:

detecting a change an aspect ratio of images to be displayed in the display;

changing a size of operation buttons after detecting the change in the aspect ratio, the operation buttons displayed superimposed on the images before and after the change in the aspect ratio; [[and]]

changing a size of a sensitive area of the touch panel where user operations of the operation buttons are recognized, in accordance with the detecting;

determining an operation button that corresponds to the user operation on the touch panel; and

generating a command to perform the predetermined process in accordance with the determining, wherein

when the operation button is continuously operated before and after the detection of the change in aspect ratio and the predetermined process is a continuous process, the generating further generates a command to perform the predetermined process while the operation button is operated, regardless of another operation button operated after the detection of the change in aspect ratio.

4.   (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for performing a predetermined process in accordance with a user operation on a touch panel overlaid on a display, the apparatus comprising:

detecting means for detecting a change in an aspect ratio of images to be

displayed in the display;

changing means for:

changing a size of operation buttons after detecting the change in the

aspect ratio, the operation buttons displayed superimposed on the images before

and after the change in the aspect ratio, and

changing a size of a sensitive area of the touch panel where user

operations of the operation buttons are recognized, in accordance with the

detection by the detecting means;

determining means for determining an operation button that corresponds to the

user operation on the touch panel; and

generating means for generating a command to perform the predetermined

process in accordance with the determination by the determining means, wherein

when the operation button is continuously operated before and after the detection

of the change in aspect ratio, the generating means generates a command to stop the

predetermined process that is being executed, the predetermined process

corresponding to the operation button operated before the detection of the change in

aspect ratio.

5.   (Currently Amended) An information processing method for performing a

predetermined process in accordance with a user operation on a touch panel overlaid

on a display, the method comprising:

detecting a change in an aspect ratio of images to be displayed in the display;

changing a size of operation buttons after detecting the change in the aspect ratio, the operation buttons displayed superimposed on the images before and after the change in the aspect ratio; [[and]]

changing a size of a sensitive area of the touch panel where user operations of the operation buttons are recognized, in accordance with the detecting;

determining an operation button that corresponds to the user operation on the touch panel; and

generating a command to perform the predetermined process in accordance with the determining, wherein

when the operation button is continuously operated before and after the detection of the change in aspect ratio, a command to stop the predetermined process that is being executed is generated, the predetermined process corresponding to the operation button operated before the detection of the change in aspect ratio.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing program instructions, which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform a method for performing a predetermined process in accordance with a user operation on a touch panel overlaid on a display, the method comprising:

detecting a change in an aspect ratio of images to be displayed in the display;

changing a size of operation buttons after detecting the change in the aspect ratio, the operation buttons displayed superimposed on the images before and after the change in the aspect ratio; [[and]]

changing a size of a sensitive area of the touch panel where user operations of

the operation buttons are recognized, in accordance with the detecting;

determining an operation button that corresponds to the user operation on the

touch panel; and

generating a command to perform the predetermined process in accordance with

the determining, wherein

when the operation button is continuously operated before and after the detection

of the change in aspect ratio, a command to stop the predetermined process that is

being executed is generated, the predetermined process corresponding to the operation

button operated before the detection of the change in aspect ratio.

7.   (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus of claim 1,

wherein the continuous process comprises at least one of rewind and fast forward.

8.   (Previously Presented) The information processing method of claim 2,

wherein the continuous process comprises at least one of rewind and fast forward.

9.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 3,

wherein the continuous process comprises at least one of rewind and fast forward.